

Torrance, California
October 13, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, October 13, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Wenske of the Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1953, and of the Adjourned Regular Meetings of September 29, October 2, October 5 and October 6, 1953, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for the sale of tax anticipation warrants in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the fiscal year 1953-1954. City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>PREMIUM BID</u>
Bank of America N.T. & S.A. *	2%	None
Torrance National Bank **	5%	None

* Subject to the Bank of America obtaining, at their expense, the opinion of O'Melveny & Myers, as to the legality of the warrants; also subject to the City furnishing the Bank of America a certified transcript of proceedings in the matter of the issue of the warrants for submission to their attorneys.

** No conditions.

Councilman Spelman moved these bids be referred to the City Manager and the City Attorney for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of Planning Commission CASE NO. 274, petition of H. H. Mattoon for a Change of Zone on Lots 1, 2, 4, and that portion of Lot A which borders on Lots 1 and 4, in Tract No. 9901, situated on the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 203rd Street, from an R-3 (Multiple-family Residential) to an M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone.

Mayor Schwab called for oral protests. There being none, Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the Change of Zone be denied in Planning Commission CASE NO. 274. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Request of Mary E. Lovell, 2409 Torrance Boulevard, Apt. D., Torrance, for refund in the amount of \$6.00 on her business license No. 4640. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted.

Councilman Spelman moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Request of George Whitehead, 3848-A Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach 7, California, for refund in the amount of \$12.00 on his business license No. 3453. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors forwarding a certified copy of resolution adopted by the Air Pollution Control Board of the Air Pollution Control District.

Councilman Spelman moved this be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to draw up a Smog Ordinance with a lot of "teeth" in it and make all violators subject to severe penalties. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Claim for damages in the amount of \$13,614.00 filed against the City by Lulu Marie Haynes on behalf of Leon E. Haynes and John William Haynes, minors.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney and insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Petition from residents on Sierra Place requesting street lights be installed on this street.

City Manager Stevens said the City's policy has always been to install street lights at intersections only and if they want more the residents must install them.

Councilman Drale moved the closest intersection to Sierra Place be surveyed and if there is not a street light that one be installed; also that these people be advised of the City's policy regarding additional lighting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Builders Brick Company proposing to deed to the City ten acres of land, providing permission is granted to excavate and remove clay from said land.

Councilman Benstead moved this communication be referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Communication from the Division of Real Estate requesting information regarding flooded area signs posted at Paseo de Garcia and Via Camino del Campo.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the City Manager for disposition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Petition requesting an investigation of the dairy barn and corral located at 170th and Atkinson Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved the County Health Department be informed of this petition and that Mr. Powell and Mr. Weber make the necessary investigation and report to the Council at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Communication from Allstate Insurance Company requesting reimbursement for repairs to damaged car of one of their policy holders in the amount of \$11.70.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney and insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Torrance Unified School District expressing appreciation to all Department Heads for the cooperation given the schools in this District.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously. Mayor Schwab requested City Manager Stevens to forward a copy of the letter to all department heads.

Communication from J. J. Benner, Fire Chief, recommending the City purchase an Aerial Ladder Truck under a lease-rental agreement.

Councilman Spelman moved this be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Draft of letter to General Service Administration regarding drilling on the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Councilman Benstead moved a meeting be arranged between Representative Cecil R. King and City Manager Stevens to see what can be done about mineral rights at the Airport. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved the City Manager be instructed to prepare this draft in the form of a letter and forward it through the proper channels. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter from Gertrude Bird King requesting vacation of a portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Communication from the Southern California Edison Company regarding damage to an irrigation pipeline belonging to their company, lying within Tract No. 16898 in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the City Attorney for investigation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Communication from Los Angeles County Road Department, subject: "Aid to Cities", forwarding resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors, making available the sum of \$30,304.43 for the improvement of 240th Street et al., within the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Request of Charles Sherman for business license to operate a highway stand at Palos Verdes Parkway entrance. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the request be denied.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Notice of hearing before the Public Utilities Commission regarding grade crossings of railroads and city, county, or city and county highways in need of improved protection.

Councilman Drale moved the notice be referred to City Manager Stevens for disposition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Communication from George Binder regarding the installation of parking meters.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letters from various residents and organizations in the City with reference to filling the vacancy of the position of Chief of Police and requesting the examination be given as a promotional examination rather than an open examination.

Councilman Spelman moved the letters be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

After a general discussion Councilman Benstead moved a promotional examination be called for, within the department, and that the Civil Service Commission be requested to give their recommendation as to who would be eligible, in the department, to take the examination. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Drale moved the matter of the Chief of Police examination be referred to the Civil Service Commission for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition of property owners in the vicinity of Cerise Avenue protesting prolongation of this avenue.

Councilman Blount said this case was still in the hands of the Planning Commission and advised anyone protesting this to appear at the next Planning Commission meeting to be held October 21, 1953.

Councilman Blount moved this petition be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

At 9:00 P.M. Mayor Schwab declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Communication from business men of WALTERIA regarding the traffic situation on Highway 101 between the Lomita line and Seaside Rancho and requesting this issue be taken up with the State.

City Manager Stevens said the State Highway Department is just about in the advertising stages to channelize State Highway 101 from the Redondo line to Hawthorne Boulevard, which is the last remaining speedway; eventually there will be main boulevards crossing Highway 101.

After a general discussion regarding the traffic on Highway 101 and between Ocean and Madison Avenues, Councilman Drale moved a communication be sent to the State Highway Department regarding this traffic problem and suggesting that signals be installed on Calle Mayor and Crenshaw. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman suggested the State also be requested to increase their patrolling in this area.

Councilman Drale moved the portion of the communication referring to additional police protection in WALTERIA be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having passed the Civil Service examinations, be appointed to serve their probationary periods, effective October 1, 1953, at the first salary step:
 - (a) Fred J. Miller, Construction Inspector in Engineering Department.
 - (b) Robert K. Rogers, Construction Inspector in Engineering Department.
 - (c) Frederick W. McCann, Assistant Plumbing Inspector in Building Department.
 - (d) Theodore R. Simonson, Assistant Building Inspector in Building Department.
2. That Regina R. Ryan be appointed as Police Woman on a temporary basis, pending Civil Service examination, effective October 1, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one and two, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs, in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. Four-way STOP signs:
 - (a) 235th Street and Arlington Avenue

- (b) 236th Street and Eshelman Avenue
- (c) 238th Street and Eshelman Avenue

2. Two-way STOP signs:

- (a) Dalemead Street at Weston Road

3. One-way STOP signs:

- (a) On Crenshaw Boulevard Service Road at 188th Street for south-bound traffic.

4. "No Parking During School Hours" in front of:

- (a) Perry School
- (b) Carr School
- (c) North Torrance School
- (d) Crenshaw Boulevard School

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Traffic Control. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote:

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the request of Gertrude Smith Chester for a transfer of her interests in a hangar lease on the Torrance Municipal Airport to Thomas Michael Chester, be approved.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens under Miscellaneous. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department, recommending approval of TRACT NO. 19245, consisting of 123 lots located southerly of Future Lomita Boulevard and westerly of undedicated Earl Street, to be developed by the Omega Construction Company.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of TRACT NO. 19462, consisting of 68 lots located south of Tract 19150 and Madison, to be developed by Hirsch-Victory Enterprises.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of TRACT NO. 19463, consisting of 140 lots located south of Tracts 19150 and 19462, to be developed by Hirsch-Victory Enterprises.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving TRACT NO. 19463, subject to the condition that a fence be constructed to screen the railroad track. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending re-approval of TRACT NO. 16701 (re-approval is necessary due to change of ownership), consisting of 59 lots located on the northeast corner of 186th Street and Arlington Avenue, to be developed by Arlington Development Company.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for re-approval of TRACT NO. 16701. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick submitting a layout of Tract Maps No. 19305 and 19306, submitted by the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Company. The tracts are located northerly of Palos Verdes city limits, westerly of Via Monte d'Oro, and easterly of Palos Verdes Drive. Assistant to City Engineer Patrick also submitted copy of a letter from the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Association, which stated they unanimously approved this layout at their meeting held on October 5, 1953, subject to the approval of the Torrance Planning Commission and the City Council.

City Attorney Hall requested the Council to take action on this by Resolution. City Clerk Bartlett said he would read the resolution later with the other resolutions.

Request of Harold Hensgen & Associated that they not be required to do any additional paving on Sepulveda Boulevard beyond their Tract No. 19150 line, since by installing sidewalks, gutters and paving to their tract line they feel they are fulfilling the subdivision requirements.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of the Planning Commission for Secretary Earle Lloyd to attend the League of California Cities Conference to be held in San Francisco, October 18-21, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Spelman moved that Planning Commission Secretary Earle Lloyd be authorized to attend the convention, with appropriate expenses paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had Exhibit "C" on Planning Commission CASE NO. 265, rezoning of Yukon Avenue, to R-3 (Multiple-family Residential).

Mayor Schwab inquired if this was the same exhibit that was studied at the joint meeting of the Council and Planning Commission regarding this case. City Manager Stevens said it was the same one, and the Council could examine it now if they so desired.

Councilman Blount said it was his understanding the Planning Commission recommended approval of CASE NO. 265 in this form, and moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Welde, 17520 Yukon Avenue; Mr. John Simpson, 17504 Yukon Avenue; Mr. Phil Morse, 17508 Yukon Avenue; Mr. Beek, 3437 West 135th Street and Mrs. Delores Davis, 17521 Yukon Avenue, bitterly protested this Change of Zone, stating that at all the meetings held by the Planning Commission they had the majority and they were definitely against it. They stated it was not a fair representation, as the entire area is against this rezoning. It is a single-family community and they want it kept that way and requested the Council to consider the representation in this case.

Mr. F. J. Major, 17615 Yukon Avenue, said the size and shape of the lots are such that it would be an undue hardship on the owners of this property if they were not allowed to put rental dwellings on these lots. Mr. Ed Riley, 17618 Yukon Avenue, said the area on the east side is residential, the area on the other side is acreage and cannot be used for residential units.

Mayor Schwab asked Mr. Beverly Smith, president of the Planning Commission if he had any remarks to make on this case. Mr. Smith said as far as the Planning Commission was concerned they eliminated 174th Street; they took out the Edison Company property, and took out the east side of Yukon up to 174th Street. The lots are 365 or 366 feet deep there on the west side and there is practically nothing the people could do with them. He said in his estimation this is an ideal location for multiple dwellings. He said the Planning Commission voted for this and will stick to their guns on it. He said there were two public hearings held before the Planning Commission on this case and everyone was heard at those hearings.

Councilman Blount said he did not attend the meeting with the Planning Commission but he was told that everything had been worked out. "I can't help but feel in my conscience that these people may have had their say, but they appear to be in the majority. I think zonings are made for the protection of the R-1 owner and I think that is the only reason they are made. I would like to withdraw my vote on the last motion and change it to 'No'".

Mayor Schwab said as long as there is such an overwhelming feeling against this zoning, he suggested they present a petition to the Planning Commission. He said the Planning Commission and the City Council were trying to be fair.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2445

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2445. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2446

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAY COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF A STATE ARMORY UPON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2446. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2447

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE ARCADIA INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2447. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2448

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF AN ESCROW FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS A FUTURE PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREA.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2448. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2449

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF NEWTON STREET; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2449. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab set November 10, 1953, as the date for the hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2450

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2450. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2451

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM OMEGA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2451. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2452

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2427.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2452. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2453

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS NO. 19305 and 19306.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2453. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 656

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HOG RANCHES AND THE KEEPING OF HOGS AND SWINE WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 656 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 657

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 643.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 657 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 658

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF LOT S-5 OF TORRANCE TRACT.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 658 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 659

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STREET DESIGNATED AS "FUTURE STREET" IN TRACT 17965.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 659 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 660

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 660 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Benstead moved a shelter be supplied for the crossing guard at Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Drale said sometime ago the Communist Government put a Catholic priest in prison and tortured him because he was working for the U. S. Government. He thought some honor should be bestowed on this man, and suggested a letter be written to the President of the United States. He said he would have all the information for the next Agenda meeting.

City Manager Stevens said that for some time the Council has been discussing with the Dominguez Water Company and the Milton Kauffman Construction Company a proposed Agreement for water service in their development at 190th Street and Hawthorne. The proposed plan is that Dominguez would supply the subdivision for ten years, at which time all the water distribution system and services would revert to the City of Torrance free of cost and with no charge for good will or loss of revenue.

A lengthy discussion followed involving the area to be serviced and the time element for the Agreement. City Attorney Hall said he would prepare an Agreement for the Council's action.

City Manager Stevens recommended the Council adjourn until 5:00 P.M., Friday, October 16, 1953, to award the contract for the tax warrants.

Mr. E. J. Robinson, President, Pacific Hills Home Owners' Association, asked the Council what they intended to do about the open pits at the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company. He said their association wanted this fenced or guards placed there to protect the children.

Councilman Benstead moved that if the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company is in violation of Ordinance No. 593 that the City Attorney be authorized to take action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 11:10 P.M., Councilman Spelman moved to adjourn to 5:00 P.M., Friday, October 16, 1953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE